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FROM CHARGE SORENSON

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SUBJECT: ILO: FINAL TEXT OF IMEC PROPOSAL

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FOLLOWING IS THE FINAL TEXT OF THE IMEC PROPOSAL TRANSMITTED UNDER COVER OF THE LETTER REPORTED IN REFTEL. PLEASE NOTE THAT IT DIFFERS SLIGHTLY FROM THE EARLIER TEXT TRANSMITTED BY GENEVA 0932.

QUOTE THE STRUCTURE OF THE GOVERNMENT GROUP OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE ILO.

1. THE NINE CONSIDER THAT THE ASIAN PROPOSAL CONSTITUTES A SOUND WORKING HYPOTHESIS ON WHICH TO CONDUCT NEGOTIATIONS ON THE COMPOSITION OF THE GOVERNMENT GROUP OF THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GOVERNING BODY. THIS WORKING HYPOTHESIS HAS INTER ALIA THE ADVANTAGE OF INTRODUCING THE IDEA OF OBJECTIVE CRITERIA WHICH SHOULD GOVERN THE DIVISION OF SEATS BETWEEN A NUMBER OF ELECTORAL COLLEGES AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SEATS FALLING TO EACH ELECTORAL COLLEGE.

2. THE NINE BELIEVE THAT THIS WORKING HYPOTHESIS COULD

BE ELABORATED, IN A MANNER LIKELY TO SECURE THE EFFICIENT OPERATION OF THE ILO, ALONG THE LINES OF THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS.

(A) THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN TITULAR AND DEPUTY MEMBERSHIP OF THE GOVERNMENT GROUP SHOULD BE ABOLISHED WITHOUT OVERALL REDUCTION IN THE SIZE OF THE GOVERNING BODY;

(B) THE GOVERNMENT SEATS ON THE GOVERNING BODY SHOULD BE ALLOCATED TO REGIONAL ELECTORAL COLLEGES;

(C) THE NUMBER OF ELECTORAL COLLEGES SHOULD BE FOUR, FOLLOWING THE NORMAL CONTINENTAL DIVISION OF ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE ILO;

(D) THE CRITERIA FOR ALLOCATION SHOULD RELATE TO THE NUMBER OF STATES, POPULATION AND CONTRIBUTIONS - CHINA AND THE US BEING INCLUDED FOR THE APPLICATION OF THESE CRITERIA WHETHER OR NOT IN MEMBERSHIP OF THE ILO;

(E) THE CRITERIA FOR THE ALLOCATION OF SEATS SHOULD INCLUDE TOTAL RATHER THAN ACTIVE POPULATION, AND SHOULD BE EQUALLY WEIGHTED;

(F) ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD BE MADE BY AGREEMENT, IN A FORM EQUALLY BINDING ON ALL THE ELECTORAL COLLEGES, FOR THE ELECTION BY EACH COLLEGE OF AN APPROPRIATE NUMBER OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MEMBER STATES ON THE BASIS OF CRITERIA RELATING TO THEIR POPULATION AND CONTRIBUTIONS, IN ORDER TO ENSURE REPRESENTATIVITY IN THE GOVERNING BODY AND CONTINUITY IN ITS WORK; THIS COULD BE BEST ACHIEVED IF HALF OF EACH REGION'S SEATS WERE FILLED IN SUCH A WAY AS TO REPRESENT THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE PROPORTION OF EACH REGION'S TOTAL POPULATION AND CONTRIBUTION TO THE ILO. UNQUOTE SORENSON

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